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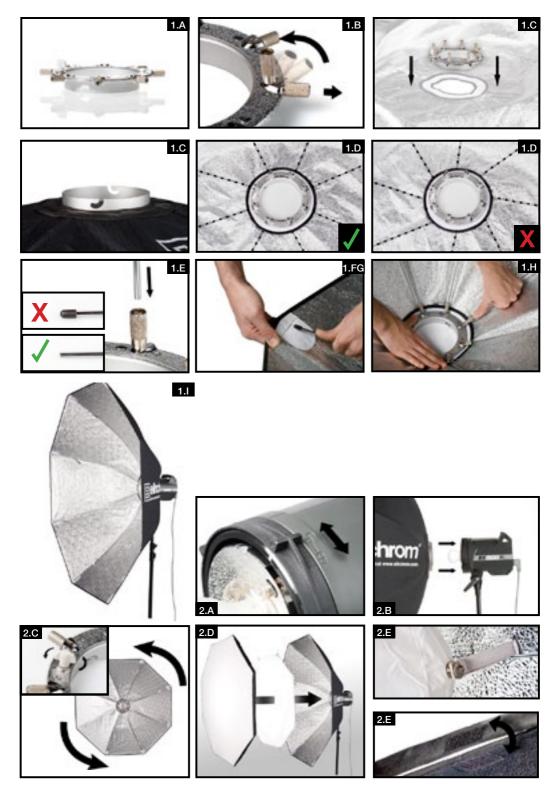


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Introduction

Dear Photographer

Thank you for buying the ELINCHROM Rotalux Softbox. All Elinchrom products are manufactured using the most advanced technology. Carefully selected components are used to ensure the highest quality and the equipment is submitted to many tests both during and after manufacture. We trust that it will give you many years of reliable service.

Please read the instructions carefully, before use, for your safety and to obtain maximum benefit from many features.

Your Elinchrom-Team

The easy mounting Rotalux system is probably the most widely copied of all Softbox systems. However, it is easier to copy a design than a quality and they remain the best units in their class.

What continues to make the Elinchrom units unique are the optional sets of deflectors – gold, silver, frosted and translucent that enable the softness / hardness and colour to be modified; fitting centrally over the flashtube at your chosen distance. Folding down like an umbrella, they are easily transported or just kept clean, in their included carrying bag.

Characteristics

- Rotalux Speedring with improved mechanics and extremely lightweight, only 263 g.
- Improved finish of the Rotalux reflector tissue with grey piping for better light efficiency.
- 360° revolving system.
- Folds down like an umbrella, without dismounting the softbox.
- The translucent Deflector to modify softness is included.
- · Carrying bag for a folded Rotalux is included.
- Optional Hooded Diffusers to control the light spread, are available for all Rotalux.

- Optional Rotagrids for direct lighting are available for the Rotalux 70x70 cm, 60x80 cm and the 90x110 cm.
- Lighttools[™] offers a wide range of grids in different sizes and angles for Rotalux softboxes.
- Adapter Speed Rings for other flash brands such as Profoto[™],
 Bowens[™], Hensel[™], Alien-Bees[™] / Balcar[™] are available soon.
 Adapters for additional brands are in process.

Security Advise

- The maximum modelling lamp wattage for all Rotalux softboxes is limited to 300 W
- Ensure that the Rotalux is correctly assembled and locked to the flash unit.
- The unit, the flash tube and accessories may become very hot during and after use! To avoid injuries, handle with isolating cloth or wait until parts have cooled down.
- Even though we use fire retardant materials; the fabric should never get in contact with the hot flash tube or the modelling lamp.
- The metal Speed Ring and the locking knob for the revolving system may heat up enormously when the flash unit is used at maximum flash and modelling lamp power levels. Please wait until the parts have cooled down, before packing away.
- Always switch the flash unit off before fitting or exchanging reflectors and softboxes.
- · Ensure that the ventilation system of flashunits is working correctly.
- Double check that the internal fabric diffuser is correctly fitted and does not make contact with the hot flash tube and modelling lamp.
- Lower the modelling lamp power and reduce the number of flashes per minute, when small size softboxes are used, such as the Rotalux models 26178-26180-26181-26175. The reflective surface is very close to the modelling lamp/ flashtube. The fabric, can be damaged by excessive heat.

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1. Assembling the Rotalux Softbox:

- **A)** Place the speed ring with the locking knob (for the 360° revolving system) at the top, on a firm horizontal surface.
- **B)** Pull out each of the rod sockets and move them into the 90° vertical position and release.
- **C)** Place the speed ring on the centre of the reflection cloth.
- **D)** Ensure that the slots of the rod sockets coincide with the seams of the reflection cloth.
- **E)** Insert the bare ends of the rods into the sockets of the speed ring.
- F) Que at a time bend rods opposite outwards, applying gradual pressure on the capped end to give slight curvature. Manipulate the respective capped ends to fit into the cloth pockets at the coinciding corners of the reflection cloth. If necessary, readjust shown in picture 1 D.
- **G)** The rods fixed at both ends, have now a convex curve. Hold the rod and twist each to make the curve concave.
- H) Hold down the speed ring in a fixed position. Que at a time apply pressure on the rods near the rod socket. The rod sockets return to the previous horizontal position and lock. The reflection cloth now acquires a concave tent-like curvature.
- I) The Rotalux Softbox is now ready to be mounted on the flash unit.

2. Mounting the Rotalux Softbox on the Elinchrom flash-unit:

- **A)** Turn the locking ring of the flash unit (mounted on the tripod), anti clockwise to unlock the bayonet. Remove the protective cap from the flash unit anti clockwise.
- **B)** Ensure that the locking knob on the speed ring is tightened (see 2.C). Insert the Rotalux speed ring and turn clock wise. It clicks into place. Turn the locking ring clockwise to lock the bayonet with the Rotalux speed ring attached.
- C) The angle of the Rotalux softbox can be adjusted with the revolving system. Unlock the locking knob of the speed ring and turn the softbox into the desired position. Make sure that the speed ring is locked in the bayonet of the flash unit whilst turning the softbox.

NOTE: The speed ring and the locking knob may become hot when the Rotalux is in use. Protect your hands with heat resistant gloves and switch off the unit and disconnect it from the mains, when you need to adjust the softbox angle.

- **D)** Attach the diffusing cloths of the softbox.
- **E)** Fix the cloths with the Velcro-fastening tapes along the softbox sides and edges.



Standard	26180	-	-	26181	-	-	-
Hooded Diffuser	-	26324	-	-	26325	-	-
Optional diffuser	-	-	15x90cm 26268	-	-	25x130cm 26270	15x130cm 26269
Size (cm)	35 x 90	-	-	130 x 50	-	-	-
Depth (cm)	25	-	-	42	-	-	-

Standard 26183 26184 26186 26327 26320 Hooded Diffuser 26326 Ø 100 Ø 135 Ø 175 Size (cm) 32 42 50 Depth (cm)

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Standard	26178	-	-	26179	-
Hooded Diffuser	-	26322	-	-	26323
Rotagrid	-	-	26117	-	-
Size (cm)	70 x 70	-	-	100 x 100	-
Depth (cm)	32	-	-	42	-















Rotalux Family

- New Rotalux rectangular 60 x 80 cm / 90 x 110 cm.
- New Rotalux octagonal 175 cm.

Rotalux Diffuser - Reflector

- Improved quality of the diffusing and reflecting fabriks.
- . Hooded Diffuser reduces the spread of light.
- RotaGrid sharper cut off, direct light.
- · Grey rip piping, professional finish.

> Rotalux Speed - Ring

- Lightweight Speed-Ring, only 263 g.
- Moulded Elinchrom Logo.
- · Redesigned locking with wing nut.
- · Redesigned snap locks.



- Reflectiv Fabric External Diffuser
- Internal Diffuser
- Speed Ring
- Rods
- Carrying Bag





Standard	26187	-	26185	-
Hooded Diffuser	-	26770	-	26328
Size (cm)	Ø 70	-	Ø 100	-
Depth (cm)	40	-	65	-



Standard

Rotagrid

Size (cm)

Depth (cm)

Hooded Diffuser



26318

20

60 x 80

30

26110









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